

WORK OF GETTING OUT A NEWSPAPER

Mr. J. S. Brierley of Montreal Herald, Tells of the Fascination of Work on a Great Daily Paper

In a lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association, of Montreal, Mr. James S. Brierley, managing director of the Montreal Herald, gives an admirable insight into the making of newspapers, and sums up the advantages and drawbacks in the lives of reporters and editors.

The journalistic profession, Mr. Brierley says, is not one that leads to riches and those who enter it must look for recompense in the fascination of the work rather than in the amassing of dollars. A few newspaper owners are wealthy, but none of the reporters or editors, clerks or business managers, can lay claim to a large share of this world's gear.

One explanation for this would be that the work itself invites an inflow of young men to whom the scale of wages is but secondary consideration, and in journalism, as in soap selling, competition fixes prices.

Mr. Brierley warns from the field of journalism not only those who seek wealth, but also those who fear or dislike hard work. Journalism has no room for drones, and there are few callings in which there is more to learn before a man becomes a master-hand.

While one meteoric genius may flash across the newspaper sky, ten thousand young men are striving to the stars through difficulties.

IT'S WIDE INTERESTS.

Medicine, law and other professions have their limitations; journalism has none. Geography sets no bounds to its interests, which are wider even than the earth.

Journalism interests its followers in the fortunes of king and peasant; in the welfare of the individual and of the state; in the child in its cradle and the statesman on his death-bed; in the corruption of the lobby and in the work of the reformer; in the war in the East, and in the hockey match between Montreal and Ottawa; in the cost of Parliament and in the price of potatoes.

HELP OF THE PUBLIC.

So while our papers may be dependent on their business success for their very existence, that success depends in large measure on the work they do as the unpaid, volunteer servants of the public. It is an interesting and noteworthy fact, that carries with it much food for thought, that these public duties of newspapers are absolutely self-assumed. No one asks the newspaper to represent the community in any capacity; no body of men nominate a newspaper to lead them in a fight against corporate rapacity; yet when the paper deliberately assumes these functions the community accepts the fact as in the natural order of things, and no one resents the newspaper's intervention except the folk whose schemes against the public weal may be thwarted.

PROGRESS BEING MADE.

Mr. Brierley points out the difference between the newspaper of today and the newspaper of yesterday. Journals were founded, in former days, primarily to present to the public the views of certain political bodies. The newspaper today is what its name implies—a journal containing the news. The chief end sought is the commercial one, of selling the news in a way which will result in a profit to the vendor.

AN ATTRACTIVE WORK.

I believe that there are few manual occupations in Canada today that should be so attractive to young men looking for such occupation as the printing trade. Yet, strange to say, it is not attracting in any numbers young men of the sort who will turn into first-class craftsmen. The work is, compared to many trades, light, it is, for good men, constant winter and summer. It is interesting, making many demands on the intelligence and the artistic sense of the individual. It is performed in comfortable, and for the most part, clean and well ventilated rooms. The wages are fair, the prevailing rate in Montreal today being \$14 a week for 54 hours.

SOCIAL GOSSIP FROM THE CREEKS

Mr. Repply, of 5 above, Sulphur, has just returned from a trip to Manitoba.

Mr. John Walsted, of 41A Gold Run, has had to shut down for the present on account of too much water.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thompkins, of 10 and 41 Gold Run, have returned from an extensive trip to the outside.

Mr. A. Benson, the popular proprietor of the Central hotel, Gold Run, is rapidly improving from his sickness.

A NEW DREAM OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT

Roosevelt in Four Years Hopes to See the Philippines Free-The Trip to the Islands

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Intimations have come from a source worthy of consideration that President Roosevelt hopes to see complete independence granted to the Philippines within the next four years. It may turn out that the talk along this line has nothing for its basis except the declaration of Secretary of War Taft before the committee on ways and means that the administration is in favor of giving the islands complete independence "as soon as they are ready for it."

Whatever the origin of the talk, there is a good deal of it, and it is based on the fact that the secretary of war is preparing to visit the Philippines about July 1.

There is a good deal of mystery about the coming trip of the secretary of war to the islands. The proposed visit did not attract unusual attention until it developed that the secretary was exceedingly anxious to have a large number of senators and representatives accompany him.

If all the invitations he has extended to members of congress should be accepted, he would have a transport load of guests. Speaker Cannon is disposed to go, and it seems probable that several influential members of the house and several senators will accompany the secretary.

Secretary Taft desires to take members of congress with him in order that they may be convinced of the justice of the demand for a reduction in the duty on Philippine goods coming into the United States, but some well informed men believe that at the bottom of the affair is the desire of the administration to lay the groundwork for a movement that will eventually give the Filipinos independence. Public men are unable to guess why the secretary of war should desire to spend two or three months in the islands in company with the leaders in congress unless he has in mind a plan to give the natives a greater measure of independence within the next year or two, and eventually within the Roosevelt administration—to increase the measure of independence.

No one believes, that either the president or his secretary of war is planning to have the United States leave the islands abruptly. The opinion prevails that if there is a definite policy in mind, it provides that the independence step be advanced to independent themselves, worthy of being trusted with self-government, the United States will, when the proper time comes, follow much the same course that was pursued in dealing with Cuba.

In no event, it may be said authoritatively, will the United States ever withdraw from the Philippines absolutely. Should the natives in time prove their capability for self-government, the United States will, on handing over the reins of government, retain a strong military foothold in the islands. Enormous sums of money have been invested in the naval base at Cavite, and it is one spot war and navy department officials say the United States will hold for all time to come as a base for operations in the far east.

SHOWED KADI LOW TO BING A HANGER

Youthful Thief Picks Pockets in Police Court to Show Magistrate Finesness of His Art

NEW YORK, March 12.—"Show yer how ter bing a hanger?" "Sure," said 13-year-old Moses Pecham, a witness yesterday in general sessions court, at the trial of Max Hoffman, charged with pocket picking.

"Bing a hanger?" is thieves' jargon for robbing a woman's hand satchel. A court attendant stood up with a woman's hand satchel slung on his arm. The boy slid from the witness seat and glided up to his pretended victim. With his right hand he deftly lifted the satchel while with the left he unclasped the receptacle and extracted a smaller purse from the satchel and slipped it into his pocket.

"Dat's de way it's done. It's dead easy," remarked the boy as he climbed back into the witness chair. Judge Gildersleeve had to rap to prevent the spectators from breaking into applause.

Pecham, who is small, even for his 13 years, and dressed in knickerbockers, turned state's evidence against Hoffman, who is said to have taught many young thieves.

Pecham told how Hoffman, after giving him a few lessons in pocket-picking, went out on a regular campaign. Hoffman took him up in the retail dry goods district, telling him this was the only "dead easy" part of the city for business.

"I used to go among de women around de counters," continued Pecham. "It was dead easy to work 'em. Women is always lookin' at de counters an' don't pay no attention to dere valubles. When times was good we would bring as many as fifteen hangers' a day. Other times we would only get a few pennies. When we struck it rich we would blow ourselves at a swell restaurant an' go to de teater."

"Did Hoffman steal anything?" asked Assistant District Attorney O'Connor.

"No. His job was tougher'n mine," responded Pecham. "He had to watch for de bulls."

Hoffman, who is only a boy, denied that he ever acted as a Fagin to Pecham. He said he had never met the boy until the day they were arrested.

Hoffman was sentenced to the Elmira reformatory.

SKAGWAY MAN HAS GOOD JOB

Will Come to Dawson and Fairbanks Getting Exhibits for the Fair at Portland

SKAGWAY, March 22.—Godfrey Shealander has been named by Governor John G. Brady as commissioner of Alaska to make arrangements and prepare the Alaskan exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland, Oregon, and his appointment has been confirmed by Secretary Thomas Ryan of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Shealander received the news of his appointment by telegraph Saturday afternoon and notified the governor of his acceptance Sunday morning.

Mr. Shealander expects to leave on a tour of the district about the 25th of this month. He will go down the Yukon and as far as Fairbanks and will use his best endeavors to make the best possible showing in the way of an exhibit that has yet left Alaska.

HOCKEY PLAYERS OUT OF FOOT BALL

BERLIN, March 15.—Among the new legislation that will be offered at the annual meeting of the W.F.A. on Good Friday will be a motion by Secretary D. Forsyth not allowing any player to play Association football that has played Association hockey during the past season.

The Northern C.A. is being entirely reformed and in a much more elaborate style than ever before. Dan McKinnon, formerly of the Rochester, is opening a new place of resort where the Swan stationery store used to be in the Webb block. The old Bonanza was recently overhauled by the new proprietors, Messrs. Johnny Doyle and D.R. McGill; at the Pioneer also the proprietors have had carpenters and decorators at work lately; the Dominion, which has been closed for some time, is to be opened on a much larger scale. Uncle Hoffman, who occupied one half of the front with a jewelry store, was requested to move out to make way for these extensive improvements, and he has gone to King street.

The Monte Carlo is to be changed entirely, and all down the block in front of his premises in order to ensure getting his share of the large trade during the season of travel.

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FREIGHT RATES NOW CANCELLED

Rates Over Winter Stage Will Now Be Made at Skagway and Whitehorse.

SKAGWAY, March 25.—The W. P. & Y. R. officials of this city have wired the head office of the company to cancel all existing freight rates over the winter stage service. Hereafter the freight rates will be made at the Skagway and Whitehorse offices when shipments are offered and sent to Seattle and Vancouver.

This does not mean necessarily that there will be any immediate change in the rate nor does it indicate a cessation of the traffic. The change is made for the reason that the trail to Dawson is getting hard and transportation more expensive. It is also to provide against loss in case of a sudden change of the trail for the worse, which is likely to take place any time.

ANDREW CARNEGIE MAKES A SPEECH

"There is not Much in Dollars if You do Not Become Attracted to Your Fellows."

CLEVELAND, March 17.—Andrew Carnegie was the guest of honor at an early informal reception today at the Cleveland Builders' Exchange.

"I feel as if my feet were on my native heath," said Mr. Carnegie in a brief address, "and it just shows how we Scotchmen stick together. Mr. McAllister calls on Downie, and Downie calls on Carnegie. The rest of you get a chance. A great country is Scotland, and there is nothing you cannot do with a Scotchman if you catch him young enough. There is nothing like mother love. Scotland is my motherland. Next to my motherland is the love, reverence and devotion I bear to this republic."

"Scotchmen make the best possible Americans. The best friends I ever had in the world, were my competitors in business. You only hate those you do not know. There is not much in dollars if you do not become attracted to your fellows. If you are true to the judge within you, you need have no fear of the judge hereafter—I am a great believer in the fellow who does something for himself."

At the close of his address Mr. Carnegie was tendered a dinner by the directors of the Builders' Exchange in the Chamber of Commerce Club rooms.

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